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Fax: (516) 767-3605 Owen F. Duffy (OD-3144) George E. Murray (GM-4172)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PADRE SHIPPING, INC.,

Plaintiff.

07 CV 9682 (JFK)

v.

YONG HE SHIPPING, also known as,
YONG HE SHIPPING (HK) LIMITED;
PROSPER SHIPPING LIMITED;
SHANGHAI COSFAR SHIPPING
INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD.;
AEGEAN CARRIERS SA;
GOLDED TAI SHIPPING LIMITED;
SOUTH AEGEAN SHIPPING;
OLD EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN CO., SA;
CHANGSHU HOTHEART INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING AGENCY;
TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING AGENCY CO., LTD. and,
LIANYUNGANG FAREAST INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING,

DECLARATION OF OWEN F. DUFFY IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO VACATE THE ATTACHMENT

Defendants.

This Declaration is executed by the attorney for the Plaintiff, PADRE SHIPPING in order to set forth, under penalty of perjury, the facts relevant to the Plaintiff's Opposition to the Defendant's Application pursuant to Admiralty Rule 4(E)(f) to Vacate Maritime Attachment.

Owen F. Duffy, hereby declares and states:

- 1. I am a partner of the firm of Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy, LLP representing Plaintiff, Padre Shipping, Inc. in the above-captioned matter.
- 2. I am a member in good standing of Bar of the State of New York, and I am a member of the Bar of this Honorable Court.
- 3. I am the attorney who is primarily responsible for the representation of the Plaintiff, Padre Shipping, Inc., in the captioned matter, and I am duly authorized to make this affirmation.
- 4. I make this affirmation based on my handling of this matter and from documents and information that have been provided to me by my client, Padre Shipping, Inc., and by its solicitors in the United Kingdom. Most importantly, I make this affirmation based on facts that I have personal knowledge of by reason of my involvement with the filing of suit against Padre Shipping, Inc. in New York, the request to this Court for issuance of Process of Maritime Attachment and the execution of the Process of Maritime Attachment on garnishees, Citibank, N.A. and Wachovia Bank National Association. Where these matters are based upon my own knowledge, they are true and where based upon sources identified within this affirmation, they are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
- 5. I make this affirmation, pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule E(4)(f), to show why the attachment of the defendant's property should not be vacated and why the

defendant, Tianjin Portrans International Shipping Agency Co., Ltd.., should not be granted other relief consistent with the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims.

- 6. On December 12, 2007, Citibank N.A. notified my law firm, Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy, LLP, by sending an email to my associate George E. Murray and paralegal Sara Manfro that it had restrained a payment pursuant to the Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment in this matter, and further that the payment was "originating from [defendant] Tianjin Portrans International Shipping Agency Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$558,449.33." See. Exhibit A, attached hereto.
- 7. On December 6, 2007, Wachovia Bank National Association filed an Answer to Process of Maritime Attachment in this matter in which it stated that in response to the Order of Attachment in this matter, Wachovia Bank National Association had restrained is holding the sum of \$22,000.00 out of an Electronic Funds Transfer with the listed "beneficiary" as "TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY CO., LTD." See, Exhibit B, attached hereto.
- 8. Further, on January 14, 2008, Wachovia Bank National Association filed a Supplemental Answer to Process of Maritime Attachment in this matter in which it stated that in response to the Order of Attachment in this matter, Wachovia Bank National Association had restrained is holding an additional sum of \$985.00 out of an Electronic Funds Transfer with the listed "beneficiary" as "TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY CO., LTD." See, Exhibit C, attached hereto.

I do so declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: Port Washington, New York

January 25, 2008

CHALOS, O'CONNOR & DUFFY LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff, Padre Shipping, Inc.

By:

Owen F. Duffy (OD-3144)

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EXHIBIT A

George Murray

From:

Mihalik, Mary B [mary.b.mihalik@citi.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 7:46 AM

To:

Sara Manfro; George Murray

Subject:

NOTICE OF PAYMENT REC'D BY CITIBANK RE: Padre Shipping, Inc. v. Yong He Shipping, et

al.; S.D.N.Y. Index No.: 07 cv 9682 (JFK); Our ref.:500386.012

Importance: High

Please be advised that Citibank has received a payment originating from Tianjin Portrans International Shipping Agency Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$558,449.33. We will continue to hold these funds until further notice from you.

NOTE TO FTN UNIT: Please continue to hold funds....thanks, mary

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{1510} Type/SubType Code

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{2000} Amount

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{3100} Sender DI

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{3320} Sender Reference

071211MS96344600

{3400} Receiver DI

021000089CITIBANK NYC

{3600} Business Function

CTR(Customer Transfer)

{3700} Charges

BUSD156.12

{3710} Instructed Amount

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{4100} Beneficiary's Bank

U298375

CHINA MERCHANTS BANK, HEAD OFFICE

CHINA MERCHANTS BANK TOWER

7088 SHENNAN BLVD.

SHENZHEN, CHINA 518040

{4200} Beneficiary

DOSA0884518532001

GOLDEN PACIFIC SEA(H.K)GROUP LTD

{4320} Beneficiary's Reference

071211MS96344600

{5000} Originator

D09313808094014

TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL

SHIPPING AGENCY CO LTD

B-1403 HAOWEI MANSION NO.8/3RD AVENUE TEDA TIANJIN CHINA {5100} Originator's FI D070011000039 BANK OF CHINA(TJ) TIANJIN BRANCH JIEFANG BEILU 80. TIANJIN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA {5200} Instructing Bank D070011000012 **BANK OF CHINA** HEAD OFFICE. 1 FUXINGMEN NEI AVE BEIJING, 100818 (6000) ORG to BNF Info **OCEAN FREIGHT** (6500) FI to FI Info /ACC/ BOC NY LESS COMM USD 15.00 /O CMT/USD558620,45/ ----Original Tagged end----Mary B. Mihalik GCO-Litigation Citigroup Markets & Banking 388 Greenwich St. / 17th Floor New York, NY 10013 1-212-816-6182 Fax: 1-866-560-0633 mary.b.mihalik@citi.com

From: Sara Manfro [mailto:smanfro@codus-law.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 9:30 AM

To: Mihalik, Mary B [CMB-GCO]; Corner, Rodd [CMB-GCO]

Subject: Padre Shipping, Inc. v. Yong He Shipping, et al.; S.D.N.Y. Index No.: 07 cv 9682 (JFK); Our

ref.:500386.012

Dear Ms. Mihalik.

In accordance with the agreed procedure for effecting service of process of the Writ of Attachment against the assets of Defendant in the above-captioned case, we hereby serve the Order for Issuance of the Writ of Attachment and the Process of Maritime Attachment on garnishee Citibank. Please note that in accordance with the Court's Order, service of the Process of Attachment and Garnishment is deemed to be effective and continuous throughout the remainder of the day and continuous through the opening of your next business day.

Please keep us advised if any payments for the Defendants Yong He Shipping, also known as Yong He Shipping (HK) Limited, Prosper Shipping Limited, Shanghai Cosfar Shipping International Co. Ltd., AĞEAN CARRIERS, GOLDEN TĂI SHIPPING LIMITED, SOUTH ĂGEAN SHIPPING, CHONGSHU HOTHEART INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY, TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY CO., LTD., and/or LIANYUNGANG FAREAST INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING are identified

Best regards,

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George Murray

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EXHIBIT B

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PADRE SHIPPING, INC.

07-cv-09682 (JFK)

Plaintiff,

-against-

YONG HE SHIPPING a/k/a YONG HE SHIPPING (HK) LIMITED, TRIANGIEN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY, PROSPER SHIPPING LIMITED, YONG HE SHIPPING (HK) LIMITED, SHANGHAI COSFAR SHIPPING INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD., AGEAN CARRIERS, GOLDEN TAI SHIPPING LIMITED, SOUTH AGEAN SHIPPING, CHANGSHU HOTHEART INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY, TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY CO., LTD, and LIANYUNGANG FAREAST INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

Defendants.

ANSWER TO PROCESS OF MARITIME ATTACHMENT BY WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Wachovia Bank, National Association ("Wachovia"), as garnishee under a Process of Maritime Attachment dated December 6, 2007, as and for its Answer under FRCP Suppl. Admiralty and Maritime Claims Rule B, sets forth as follows:

In response to the above referenced Order of Attachment, Wachovia has restrained and is holding the sum of \$22,000.00 out of an Electronic Funds Transfer in progress in the total amount of \$22,000.00. The details of such transaction are as follows:

\$ 22,000.00

Date -12/26/2007

Originator - KENT SHIPPING CO LTD KENT BLDG 130 WEN HWA RD SEC 2 WUCHI TAICHUNG TAIWAN, R.O.C.

Originating Bank - FAR EAST NATIONAL BANK LOS ANGELES CA

Beneficiary Bank – BANK OF CHINA TIANJIN BRANCH TIANJIN, CHINA CN

Beneficiary – TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY CO., LTD (A3-1008 TEDA XINTIANDI BUILDING 12 NANHAI

Dated: New York, New York December 31, 2007

Yours, etc.,

ROSNER NOCERA & RAGONE, LLP

By: \S\John P. Foudy
Peter A. Ragone (PR - 6714)
John P. Foudy (JF-7322)
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National Association
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To: Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Port Washington, New York 11050

EXHIBIT C

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK PADRE SHIPPING, INC.

07-cv-09682 (JFK)

Plaintiff,

-against-

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Defendants.

SUPPLEMENTAL ANSWER TO PROCESS OF MARITIME ATTACHMENT BY WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Wachovia Bank, National Association ("Wachovia"), as garnishee under a Process of Maritime Attachment dated December 6, 2007, as and for its Supplemental Answer under FRCP Suppl. Admiralty and Maritime Claims Rule B, sets forth as follows:

In response to the above referenced Order of Attachment, in addition to funds previously identified, Wachovia has restrained and is holding the sum of \$985.00 out of an Electronic Funds Transfer in progress in the total amount of \$985.00. The details of such transaction are as follows:

\$ 985.00

Date -1/11/2008

Originator - Konvoy Denizcilik LTD.STI YAFACI SK. N:5 IZMIR TR.

Originating Bank - TURKIYE IS BANKASI (ISBANK) HEAD OFFICE ISTANBUL TURKEY

Beneficiary Bank - Bank of China Tianjin Branch Tianjin, China

Beneficiary — TIANJIN PORTRANS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY CO.,LTD.

Dated: New York, New York January 14, 2008

Yours, etc.,

ROSNER NOCERA & RAGONE, LLP

By: \S\John P. Foudy Peter A. Ragone (PR - 6714) John P. Foudy (JF-7322) Attorneys for Wachovia Bank, National Association 110 Wall Street, 23rd Floor New York, New York 10005 (212) 635-2244

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